

40. (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising:

providing a baffle adjacent said fuel tank that prevents fuel from splashing out of the fuel tank.

41. (New) The device of claim 14, wherein said fuel vent closure device and said fuel shutoff device are parallel to each other in the same plane.

42. (New) The device of claim 19, wherein said fuel shutoff valve and said fuel vent closure valve are parallel to each other in the same plane.

43. (New) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

providing said fuel vent closure device and said fuel shutoff device parallel to each other in the same plane.

44. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein said fuel vent closure device includes an eccentric wheel valve comprising:

a valve housing;

a rotary member inside said housing; and

an actuating portion extending out of said valve housing.

45. (New) The device of claim 19, wherein said fuel vent closure valve includes an eccentric wheel valve comprising:

a valve housing;

a rotary member inside said housing; and

an actuating portion extending out of said valve housing.

46. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein said manual activating step includes:

providing an eccentric wheel valve having a valve housing, a rotating member and an actuating portion extending out of the valve housing; and

rotating the rotating member to move said actuating portion.

Remarks:

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement to several species, namely

Group 1- Figures 6 and 7;

Group 2- Figures 8-9 and 10-11; and

Group 3-Figures 12, 14, 16, 18 and 21.

The Examiner stated that the Applicant must elect one Figure from each of the three identified groups noted above.

In response, the Applicant elects Figure 6 in Group I, Figures 8-9 (which relate to the same embodiment) in Group II, and Figures 21-23 (which relate to the same embodiment) in Group III.

The Applicant notes that all of the original claims read on the elected species; therefore no claims need be canceled. However, none of the original claims is specifically directed to the elected species.

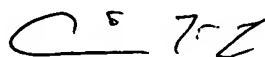
Applicant's new claims 38-40 are specifically directed to the elected species of Group 1 shown in Figures 6 and 7.

New claims 41-43 are specifically directed to the elected species in Group 2 shown in Figures 8-9.

New claims 44-46 are specifically directed to the elected species in Group 3 shown in Figures 21-23.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if he has any questions or comments.

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